



# Wiscasset Public Library Newsletter July 2022

Come with me... To the library. Books and summertime go together.  
~ Lisa Schroeder, *I Heart You, You Haunt Me*

## Director's Note

I find myself sitting in my office, trying to think of something inspiring or thoughtful to write for July. I keep drawing a blank as my gaze continues to wander toward the window. At this moment, the temperature is 60 degrees. The sun is shining brightly, spreading its warmth throughout the town. The trees have dappled the lawn with their shade. Flowers are in bloom. Summer is evident everywhere I look.

Seeing this, I know that words will not do justice to the beauty and serenity of summer in Maine. It has to be experienced. Go outside and feel the gentle breeze, the heat of the sun and the uplifting of spirit that only nature can bring. Pull out a chair, take a seat - with a good book nearby, of course - and just spend time relaxing. Summer is here!

Pam Dunning, Director

## Library Closed: July 12 - July 14

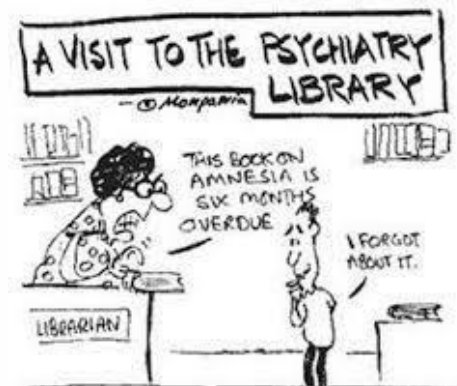
We are upgrading the WPL software this month. The new software will vastly improve the data management processes required to run a library in the 21st century. All library employees will participate in an intensive three-day training course to learn the new Polaris circulation system. Due to the training demands, WPL will be closed from Tuesday, July 12 through Thursday, July 14. We will reopen on Friday, July 15.

What will the new software look like on the patron side? There will be no change at all. Your part of the program will continue to work for you just as it has in the past. Thank you for understanding and support.

## Library Humor

What do you call the area around a library?  
Know-man's land

I have an addiction to reading pop-up books, so I went to the library the other day to pick up some proper grown-up books to look at. I have to admit there was some good stuff there ... but unfortunately nothing that jumped out at me.





## Gnoman is on the loose again!

Gnoman, our Library shelf-elf, keeps wandering off and getting lost among the books. Poor Gnoman! If you spot him anywhere in the Library, please help him find his way back to the front desk. Your reward will be one sweet treat.

**Hint: Gnoman is never in the Children's Room.**

## Library Museum Pass Program

As part of our mission to enrich the communities we serve, the Wiscasset Public Library's Museum Pass Program allows WPL patrons to visit several cultural and educational attractions in our area. This year, we have passes available for Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Farnsworth Art Museum, Portland Museum of Art and Historic New England.



### Farnsworth Art Museum

*Celebrating Maine's Role in American Art*



PORTLAND MUSEUM of ART



### How the Museum Pass Program Works (FAQs)

#### How do I reserve a museum pass?

Call WPL at 882-7161 to reserve your pass. Please note that we need 30 minutes to process your request. We cannot fill same-day requests after 4:30pm (weekdays) or 1:30pm (weekends).

#### How far in advance can I book a museum pass?

A museum pass may be booked 7 days in advance.

#### Is there a charge to borrow a pass?

No, museum passes are free to borrow with a Wiscasset Public Library Card in good standing.

#### How do I get the pass?

Pick up your pass at the WPL Circulation Desk. Please reserve your pass at least 30 minutes beforehand.

**What is 'Day of Use'?**

'Day of Use' is the day you plan on visiting the museum. You will need to indicate the Day of Use when reserving your pass.

**Can I cancel my reservations?**

No. We have no way to cancel the tickets once the pass has been processed.

**How many people are admitted per pass to a museum?**

It depends on the pass. Each museum has its own admission rules. Generally speaking, up to two adults will be admitted for free using a Library Pass. Check with the Library for more information.

**Who can reserve a pass?**

WPL patrons, 18 years and older, with an active library card in good standing may reserve a pass.

**How many passes can I reserve a day?**

You can reserve one (1) pass per day per library card.

**How frequently can I reserve a pass?**

You may reserve each pass an unlimited number of times. However, you can only reserve a pass for one museum at a time. Reserved, but unused, passes are considered "checked out and in use" until the Day of Use has passed.

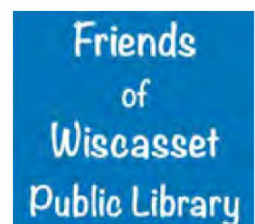
**What determines the admission rules and requirements?**

Each museum has its own set of admission rules and requirements. The Library is required to follow those rules, or risk losing privileges with the museum. Check the museum website (see links above) for further information.

## Upcoming Events

**Friends Meeting: Wednesday, July 13  
9:30 Coffee Social - 10:00 Meeting**

The Friends' next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 13 at 10:00am. We will be discussing our plans for the upcoming months, including the 2022 Bands for Books event. The meeting will be held in the library Fiction Room. If you would like to be added to the Friends email list, contact us at [Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com](mailto:Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com).



**We are looking for two hostesses for this meeting.** If you are interested in bringing a pastry/bread/cookies/etc. to share and can arrive early to help set up, please email the [Friends of the Wiscasset Library](mailto:Friends of the Wiscasset Library) to volunteer.

Lili Pugh and Stephanie Hergenroeder, Co-Presidents



Just two months to go! The Friends annual fundraiser, **Bands for Books**, is on **Labor Day, September 5**. This event is always wonderful. Come out and spend some time with friends while enjoying fabulous food and the music of the Salty Dogs. We will once again be at Seafield Farm, home of Kathy Martin-Savage. There will be a raffle for attendees and our silent auction, with many new and wonderful things to bid on.

Last year all the food served at our party was donated by you – supporters of WPL. The variety and quality were unbelievable and so appreciated by all those who attended. We are asking you to once again help us to make this an outstanding fundraiser by donating your favorite finger foods.

Tickets are still just \$20 and can be purchased at the Library beginning July 1st. For more information, or to reserve your Bands for Books tickets, please contact the Friends at [Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com](mailto:Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com).

**Friends Book Group**  
**Thursday, July 21 at 10:15**



Help wanted! Janet Morgan has recently stepped down as the Book Group chairperson. Thank you, Janet, for your superb leadership this past year. The group will continue to meet every month while looking to fill the chairperson position. If you are interested in chairing this committee, please email the Friends. The chairperson responsibilities include leading the book discussion and drafting the monthly Book Group newsletter article. As a member of the Friends of WPL executive committee, the chairperson also participates in any executive committee meetings.

Book Group members discussed the following books in June:

***Curtain*** by Agatha Christie

***The Mysterious Affair at Styles*** by Agatha Christie

***Homer & Langley*** by E. L. Doctorow

***Wish You Were Here*** by Jodi Picoult

***The Dictionary of Lost Words*** by Pip Williams



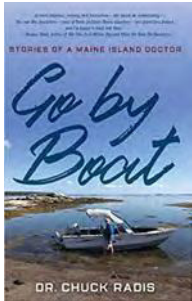
The Book Group will meet next on **Thursday, July 21 at 10:15** in the Fiction Room. Bring a favorite title to share.

The Friends Book Group meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 10:15.

Email [Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com](mailto:Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com) if you would you like to be added to the Book Group email list. All meetings are free and open to the public. New members are always welcome.

Stephanie Hergenroeder, Friends Co-President

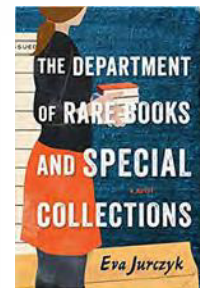
## New in Nonfiction: *Go By Boat*



Dr. Chuck Radis shares his experiences in *Go by Boat: Stories of a Maine Island Doctor*. Fresh out of training, he and his family moved to Peaks Island, Maine, to fulfill a Public Health scholarship obligation. New to island life and working without most traditional testing equipment, Dr. Radis is forced to use his physical examination skills and his limited supplies to manage his patients and their care. Traveling to the surrounding islands only adds to the difficulties of the practice. With these stories, hilarious to heart breaking, Dr. Radis draws the reader into the distinct culture of Maine island communities. Come along for the ride as Dr. Radis learns the mores of island living and finds acceptance and friendship on the hardscrabble islands of Casco Bay.

## New Fiction: *The Dept of Rare Books & Special Collections*

Eva Jurczyk's debut novel, *The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections*, introduces us to Liesl Weiss. Liesl finds herself running the rare books department when her supervisor has a stroke. This librarian's quiet life is turned upside down when she discovers a priceless manuscript is missing from the collection. She wants to call the police to investigate. She is repeatedly told to keep quiet and to just keep the library running as usual.

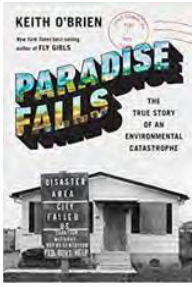


When a co-worker stops coming to work, Liesl is compelled to uncover the secrets of both disappearances. Someone in the department must be behind the theft and she is determined to find the answer.

"With ... a likable librarian sleuth who has just the right balance of compassion and wit, and a library setting that is teeming with secrets, *The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections* is a rare treat for readers. I loved this book!"- Matthew Sullivan, author of *Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore*

## New in Large Print: *Paradise Falls*

*Paradise Falls: The True Story of an Environmental Catastrophe* recounts the discovery and fight to clean up over twenty tons of toxic waste. In the spring of



1977, the families in a beloved neighborhood on the east side of Niagara Falls were assaulted by pungent odors that seeped into their little houses. Worried mothers soon identified the curious scent as the sickly-sweet smell of chemicals. Through their persistence, they discovered Hooker Chemical's deadly secret of Love Canal — and exposed one of America's most devastating toxic waste disasters. This extraordinary story highlights the efforts of these determined mothers who sparked the modern environmental movement.

## More New Books!

Are you still looking for your next great book? These are just a few of the new books on the shelves this month. You can always reserve any title by using your online account, or by calling us at 882-7161. We would be happy to help you find the perfect title for your summer reading pleasure.



## Teen Room News

Have you visited the Teen Room lately? Do you like what you see? Do you have ideas for making this a better space for the teens in our community? Share your thoughts with our new Librarian, Haley Bailey. Haley is on a mission to revamp this space and she would love to hear from you. Stop by the front desk and say "Hi!" or send your ideas to [hbailey@wiscassetlibrary.org](mailto:hbailey@wiscassetlibrary.org).

### Haley's List

If you like Rick Riordan's Percy Jackson series, you may just like Leigh Bardugo's Shadow & Bone series. This YA fantasy series is about magical people in a magical land. Based in the area of Ravka, people called Grisha have abilities such as killing without weapons or changing appearance with a little magic and powder. Narrator Alina Starkov, a Ravkan woman of great power,



harnesses her gifts to save her best friend Mal and becomes the object of the evil Darkling's desires. The series follows both Alina and Mal on their journey to stop the Darkling. Action packed!



Check out this summertime read, *This One Summer* by Mariko Tamaki. It's a great coming-of-age story about two friends, Windy and Rose, living in a beach town for the summer, where they discover themselves while dealing with family dynamics and mental disabilities.

**Do you have a favorite book or author? Let us know so we can share the titles with others. You can help others find their next great read!**

### Summer Reading is for Teens, too!

Sign up and tell us about your summer reading -- you could win some cool prizes! You can find all the details below. The 2022 Summer Reading Club theme is **Oceans of Possibilities**. Check out these titles and more on the Comics Plus "Featured - Oceans Adventure" list. Visit their [Resource Center](#) to find titles that fit your reading and interest levels.

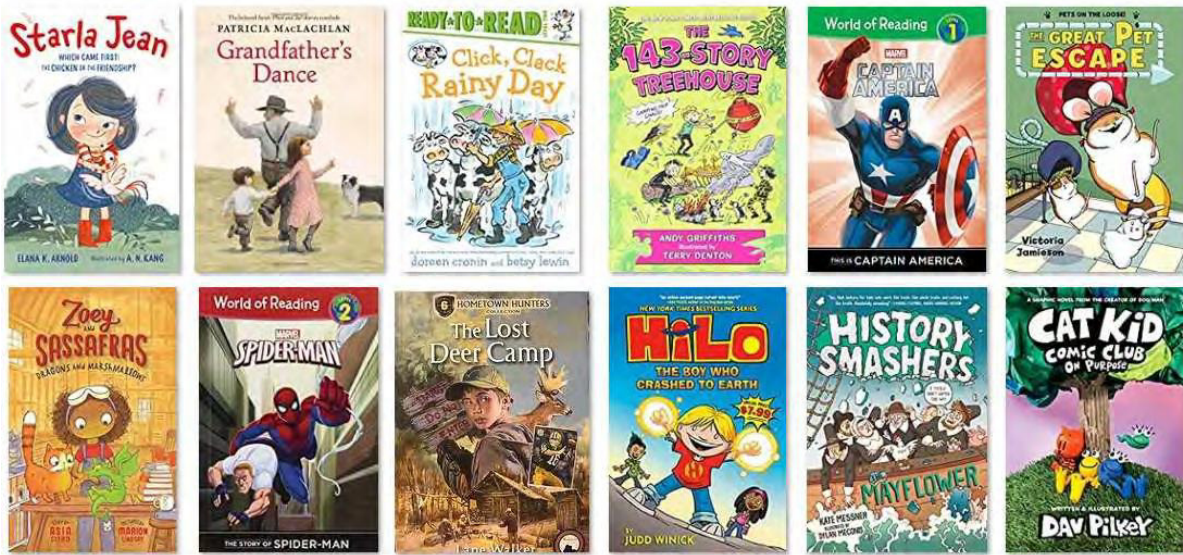


## The Children's Room



**It's Summertime! More Time to Read!!**

Have you signed up for the WPL "Oceans of Possibilities" Summer Reading program?! More than 100 children have already registered. You can find all the details below. You will earn incentives for reading and we have **so many amazing books** for you to borrow. These are just a few of the new books on our shelves:



## Summer Reading Club 2022

Read • Review • Receive an incentive  
Do it again and again!



Participate in-person and online

### Registration

Stop by the Children's Room or register on the [WPL "Just for Kids" page](#)

### Important dates

Registration runs through 7/30  
Reporting runs 7/5 through 8/13

### Wednesday Programs

Marine Mammals of Maine and Chewonki visits on  
July 20, July 27 and August 24  
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

COME BY FOR A START-UP KIT which includes 8 review sheets, book worm, bookmarks, and "Quiet I'm Reading" door hanger.

### Three age groups

**Read to Me** (birth to age 4). Caregiver records title of 20 books and child receives a gift bag of 1 board book, 1 growth chart and 1 soft rubber sea animal.



**Ages 4-12.** Read and review 8 books. Receive 8 incentives. With the 8th book and every book thereafter, receive raffle tickets for our grand prizes. With the 8th book receive a goody bag and certificate for completing the Reading Club 2022.

**Ages 12 & over.** Read 4 books and hand in a very short review for each. Receive a raffle ticket for the LED Jellyfish Lava Lamp or gift certificate to Sherman's Bookstore. You'll also receive incentives.

## News from the Friends of WPL

### Second Hand Prose Used Book Room

We hope you will stop by during one of our Used Book Room special events this summer. Summerfest is scheduled for July 23 on the Wiscasset Common and we will be holding an amazing Used Book Room Sale that day. Bring your own bag (any size!!) and fill it for \$5. Stock up for summer reading and for gifts. We'll be open from 10:30 to 1:00pm. During these special sales, we have the opportunity of meeting many families, young people, and visitors who did not know we existed. Our greatest pleasure is getting books in the hands of our friends and neighbors.



Past special events have cleared the shelves, and we are now seeking book donations. Your gently-used hardcovers will find a new home and help support our library at the same time. If you have books that you are no longer reading, please consider donating them. We have a special need for children's books. Many of our visitors are families with children or grandparents who are looking for these treasures. Please note that we are no longer accepting paperback books for the Used Book Room as they languish on our shelves.

As always, a sincere thank you to the faithful volunteers who staff our Used Book Room. Your diligence is appreciated. It is wonderful to welcome so many people. This is one of the highlights of volunteering. Plus, you get first chance at purchasing our books! If you have any suggestions, I would love to hear from you. I can be reached at [lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com).

Remember, Second Hand Prose is open whenever the library is open. We hope to see you here soon.

Lynn Maloney, UBR Chair

### Treasurer's Report

It's that time of the year when our annual Friends dues (\$10) are payable. If you haven't had an opportunity to do so, please mail your check (payable to

*Friends of the Wiscasset Public Library*) to the Friends of WPL, 21 High Street, Wiscasset 04578. New members are always welcome!

Thank you for your continued support.

### Be a FRIEND!

Would you like to support your community and have some fun? Come to a Friends meeting to learn about the many ways we assist WPL. We meet at 9:30 am on the 2nd Wednesday every other month. We start with a coffee social followed by the business meeting at 10:00 am. Our next meeting will be held on **July 13**. You can find more Friends information on the [WPL website](#). To receive updates from the Friends, email us at [Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com](mailto:Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com).

## Community Resources

### SCORE. Helping small businesses like yours.



Are you a small business owner? Are you considering launching your own business? Could you use some guidance or tools to help you establish or maintain your business?

SCORE, in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), is a nonprofit organization that fosters small businesses through mentoring and education. There are multiple chapters in the Midcoast area. Find a mentor or expert support. Take a class or attend a roundtable. You will find additional resources online: webinars, classes on demand, templates, checklists and more. Visit the SCORE website at <https://www.score.org/> for additional information.

## Library Information

Wiscasset Public Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization\*. Your support helps WPL bring information, the joy of reading, and life-long learning to the communities of Alna, Edgecomb, Westport Island, and Wiscasset. To donate, visit our [website](#). Thank you for your support!

### Hours

Tuesday 10:00am-5:00pm  
Wednesday 10:00am-7:00pm  
Thursday 10:00am-5:00pm  
Friday 10:00am-5:00pm  
Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm  
Closed Sunday and Monday

### Staff

Pamela Dunning, Director  
Haley Bailey, Librarian  
David Cherry, Assistant Librarian  
Laurie Ridgway, Children's Librarian  
Sue Weatherbee, Library Clerk

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